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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF THE GREAT
11 NORTHWEST AND THE HAWAIIAN
12 ISLANDS, INC.,

CASE NO. C18-1627-JCC
MINUTE ORDER

13 Plaintiff,
14 v.

ALEX AZAR II and UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES,

15 Defendants.
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17 The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable John C.
18 Coughenour, United States District Judge:

19 This matter comes before the Court on the parties' stipulated motion to stay all pretrial
20 deadlines (Dkt. No. 35). Finding good cause, the stipulated motion is GRANTED. Pursuant to
21 the parties' stipulation, the Court ORDERS as follows:

22 1. At the end of the day on December 21, 2018, the appropriations act that had been
23 funding the Department of Justice expired and appropriations to the Department lapsed. At this
24 time the Department does not know when funding will be restored by Congress.
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1 2. Absent an appropriation, Department of Justice attorneys are prohibited from
2 working, even on a voluntary basis, except in very limited circumstances, including
3 “emergencies involving the safety of human life or the protection of property.” 31 U.S.C. § 1342.

4 3. The parties therefore agree to stipulate to a stay of all pending pretrial deadlines
5 and agree and request that all current deadlines for the parties be extended commensurate with
6 the duration of the lapse in appropriations.
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8 4. Undersigned counsel for the Department of Justice will notify the Court as soon
9 as Congress has appropriated funds for the Department and greatly regrets any disruption caused
10 to the Court and the other litigants by a stay of pretrial deadlines in this case until Department of
11 Justice attorneys are permitted to resume their usual civil litigation functions.
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SO STIPULATED.

Dated this 26th day of December, 2018.

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